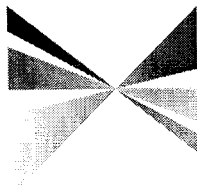


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Meeting of the

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Thursday, March 2, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

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Agenda Enclosed

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“Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee”.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Dennis
Washburn, Chair

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of February 2, 2006
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4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State & Federal Legislative Matrix
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5.0	<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>		
5.1	<u>South Delta Improvements Program Attachment</u>	Daniel E. Griset SCAG Staff	20 10 Minutes
	The California Department of Water Resources has proposed a South Bay Delta Improvement Program.		
	Recommended Action: Recommend Regional Council adoption of Resolution 06-472-2 supporting the South Bay Delta Improvement Program.		
5.2	<u>Blueprint for California Water Attachment</u>	Daniel E. Griset SCAG Staff	24 10 Minutes
	The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has proposed a set of policy recommendations for comprehensively addressing California's water future.		
	Recommended Action: Recommend Regional Council adoption of Resolution 06-472-1 supporting the ACWA Blueprint.		



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5.3	<u>2006 Regional Champion Award Attachment</u>	Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair	27	5 Minutes
	<p>Each policy committee has an opportunity to select a regional champion, a non-elected individual who is a leader in some are of the Committee's focus. Members have been invited to submit nominations.</p> <p>Recommended Action: Select a Regional Champion.</p>			
6.0	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>			
6.1	<u>Urban Forestry and Air Quality Presentation</u>	Dr. Jim Simpson Center for Urban Forest Research	28	30 Minutes
	<p>Dr. Jim Simpson with the Center For Urban Forest Research will give a presentation on the uses of trees within the urban landscape.</p>			
6.2	<u>Regional Comprehensive Plan Draft Open Space Approach</u>	Jessica Kirchner SCAG Staff	29	10 Minutes
	<p>Staff will present an overview of the proposed approach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan Open Space and Habitat Chapter.</p>			



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6.3	<u>U.S. EPA Proposal to Revise the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter</u>	Jonathan Nadler SCAG Staff	34	10 Minutes
	Staff will apprise EEC members on U.S. EPA's proposed revisions to the federal Particulate Matter (PM) standards and seek direction on providing comments to EPA.			
7.0	<u>WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT</u>	Hon. Dennis Washburn		
8.0	<u>SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT</u>	Hon. Toni Young, Chair		
9.0	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair		
10.0	<u>STAFF REPORT</u>	Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG Staff		
11.0	<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>			
	Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.			
12.0	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>			
13.0	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>			
	The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held on April 6, 2006, at the SCAG Office.			



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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments, downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Washburn, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Campbell, Todd	City of Burbank
Carrillo, Victor	City of Imperial
Carroll, Stan	City of La Habra Heights
Clark, Margaret	City of Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
Eaton, Paul	City of Montclair
Eckenrode, Norman	City of Placentia
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Gafin, David	City of Downey
Hanks, Keith	City of Azusa
Lilburn, Penny	SANBAG
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Miller, Mike	City of West Covina
Nelson, Larry (V-Chair)	City of Artesia
Olivas, David J.	SGVCOG
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Washburn, Dennis (Chair)	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme
Zine, Dennis	City of Los Angeles

Members Not Present

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Portantino, Anthony	City of La Canada/Flintridge
Streator, Joyce	City of Pasadena
Zerunyan, Frank	SBCCOB

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

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2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

No changes.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was MOVED (Paul Marchand), SECONDED (Paul Eaton) and APPROVED the Consent Calendar.

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Action Minutes of January 5, 2006

- Show Larry Nelson as Vice-Chair
- Correct Ed Mazery to read Ed Masry

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State & Federal Legislative Matrix

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Final Fine Particle (PM2.5) Conformity Determination

Jessica Kirchner, SCAG Staff, provided a staff report on this item.

Paul Marchand raised concern that this will be a one size fits all standard which will not work for the desert areas.

Jessica Kirchner responded that this determination is only for the Southern California Air Basin and does not include Coachella Valley.

The Committee discussed the need to develop a sourcing mechanism so that we can ascertain which of these particles are man-made pollutants that need to be addressed vs. naturally occurring phenomenon which should not be counted to non-attainment findings.

It was MOVED (Toni Young), SECONDED (Paul Marchand) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the Fine Particle Conformity Determination for the 2004 RTP & 2004 RTIP, with comments, and recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution 06-471-2.

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5.2 Conformity Determination and EIR Addendum for an RTP/RTIP Amendment

Jessica Kirchner, SCAG Staff presented a report on this item.

Richard Dixon, OCTA Board Member gave a brief presentation.

It was MOVED (Larry Forester), SECONDED (Paul Marchand), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the Conformity Determination and EIR Addendum for the 2004 RTP and RTIP.

5.3 Riverside County Transportation Commission TCM Substitution

Jessica Kirchner, SCAG Staff, presented a report on this item.

It was MOVED (Toni Young), SECONDED (Paul Marchand), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the TCM substitution in the 2004 RTIP.

6.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Sylvia Patsaouras has received a request from the California Energy Commission (CEC) for a representative to participate in a project steering committee to develop a web-based decision making tool for planning alternative corridors for energy transmission. The Committee expressed a strong interest in SCAG staff participating in the CEC steering committee.

7.0 **WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT**

The next Water Policy Task Force meeting is scheduled for March 9, 10 a.m. – 12:00 Noon here at SCAG.

There is a IRWMP Meeting scheduled for February 1, 2006.

8.0 **SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT**

The next Solid Waste Task Force meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2006.

9.0 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

10.0 **STAFF REPORT**

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None

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Marchand asked that the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan be brought to the Committee as an Information Item.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Action Minutes Approved
by:



Sylvia Patsaouras, Staff
Energy and Environment

MEMO

DATE: February 15, 2006

TO: The Regional Council
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee
The Energy and Environment Committee
The Transportation and Communications Committee

FROM: Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst
Phone: (213) 236-1880 E-Mail: dunn@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: State Legislative Matrix

Attached for your information and review is the legislative bill matrix, providing summaries of state legislation relevant to SCAG activities and items of interest.

Included within the matrix are a number of bills that have 'died' due to their failure to pass or to be heard by a legislative committee by the appropriate deadline. Any such bills will be omitted from next month's State Legislative Matrix.

The legislative bills are organized by subject matter for each committee as follows:

- Regional Council – Air Quality, Economic Development, Energy, Environment, Government Bond Bills, Housing Land Use, Solid Waste, Transit, Transportation and Water;
- Community and Economic Development – Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use;
- Energy and Environment Committee – Air Quality, Energy, Environment, Solid Waste, and Water;
- Transportation and Communications Committee – Transportation and Transit.

SCAG Government Affairs staff is monitoring all bills closely and will provide timely updates on the status of bills as they are amended and move through the legislative process.



CA AB 32

AUTHOR: Pavley (D)
TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/06/2004
LAST AMEND: 08/15/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:

Revises the functions and duties of the California Climate Action Registry. Requires the registry, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to adopt specified procedures and protocols monitoring, estimating, calculating, reporting and certifying greenhouse gas emission resulting from specified industrial sectors. Enacts the California Climate Act of 2006 to institute a cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

STATUS:

08/15/2005

From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.

08/15/2005

In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA AB 184

AUTHOR: Cogdill (R)
TITLE: High Polluter Vehicles
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/24/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/11/2006
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Bureau of Automotive Repair to develop and administer a voluntary program to replace high polluter vehicles with donated low-emission motor vehicles and donated vehicles that meet existing smog inspection and maintenance regulations.

STATUS:

01/31/2006

From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA AB 825

AUTHOR: Levine (D)
TITLE: Air Resources Binational Air Quality
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to invite members of the San Diego-Tijuana Air Quality Task Force and the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Air Quality Task Force to meet and discuss issues, including making specified recommendations regarding air quality in the San Diego-Tijuana and Calexico-Mexicali air basins and to report any recommendations to the Legislature.

STATUS:

01/31/2006

From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES without further action pursuant to JR 62(a).

Subject:

AirQuality

CA AB 888

AUTHOR: De La Torre (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: Equipment Emissions
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
LAST AMEND: 06/16/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover

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LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Relates to railyard equipment emissions in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Authorizes the district to establish an equipment emission reduction program by permitting the district to adopt regulations requiring the owner or lessee of any heavy-duty motor vehicle, nonroad engine, or nonroad vehicle to install retrofit controls or replace existing equipment with clean technologies to reduce emissions if the vehicle or engine operates in a railyard. Requires regulations for emission reduction.

STATUS:

06/27/2005 In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Heard, remains in Committee.

Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 1269

AUTHOR: Pavley (D)
TITLE: Clean Air, Clean Water, and Coastal Protection
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Bond Act which would authorize issuance of bonds financing a air and water quality, coastal protection, and parks program. Requires voter approval.

STATUS:

01/31/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Subject: AirQuality, Revenue/Bond

CA AB 1365

AUTHOR: Ruskin (D)
TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emission Levels
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
FILE: A-24
LOCATION: Senate Inactive File

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that requires the Governor to prepare a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report including a statement of approved state environmental goals that are required to be consistent with state planning priorities. Includes as a state planning priority to provide for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

STATUS:

08/25/2005 In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

Subject: AirQuality

CA AB 1430

AUTHOR: Goldberg (D)
TITLE: Air Contaminants
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/23/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires the Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice to review each updated methodology used by air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to calculate the value of credits issued for emission reductions for stationary, mobile, indirect, and areawide sources, including those issued under market-based incentives programs, when those credits are used interchangeable, with certain requirements.

STATUS:

02/02/2006 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Subject: AirQuality

CA SB 44

AUTHOR: Kehoe (D)
TITLE: General Plans: Air Quality Element
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/04/2005
LAST AMEND: 05/17/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending

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FILE: A-43
LOCATION: Assembly Inactive File
SUMMARY:

Requires the legislative body of each city and county located in specified areas to either adopt an air quality element as part of its general plan or amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing elements that occurs after a specified date. Requires cities and counties to comply by a certain date.

STATUS:

01/17/2006 In ASSEMBLY. Reconsideration granted.
01/17/2006 In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
Position: SCAG-Opp 06/02/2005
Subject: AirQuality, LandUse

CA SB 250 **AUTHOR:** Campbell (R)
TITLE: Hydrogen Fuel Standards
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/15/2005
LAST AMEND: 06/21/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:
Adds hydrogen fuels to provisions of existing law for use in internal combustion engines and fuel cells in motor vehicles. Requires the Department Food and Agriculture to initially establish specifications for hydrogen fuels and fuel cells for these purposes, until a standards development organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) adopts standards. Requires the department then adopt the latest standards established by the ANSI standards development organization.
STATUS:
07/05/2005 From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
Position: CALCOG-Sup
Subject: AirQuality, Energy, Transport

CA SB 459 **AUTHOR:** Romero (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: South Coast District: Locomotives
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/12/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
LOCATION: Assembly Transportation Committee
SUMMARY:
Authorizes the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt a locomotive emission impact mitigation fee to be imposed on railroad companies that operate in whole or in part within the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino, if specified requirements are met. Authorizes the district to expend revenues derived from the mitigation fee in a manner that directly reduces air contaminants or reduces the public health risks.
STATUS:
06/27/2005 In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Heard, remains in Committee.
Subject: AirQuality, Transport

CA SB 475 **AUTHOR:** Runner G (R)
TITLE: Air Pollution Stationary Sources: Emissions Reduction
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
LAST AMEND: 05/25/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
FILE: A-9
LOCATION: Assembly Inactive File
SUMMARY:
Requires specified air quality management districts to conduct a joint study to identify means to generate or transfer additional emission reduction credits that could be used in the permitting or new and modified sources in the Mojave Desert Air Basin. Requires the study to seek to identify

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opportunities and methods, including innovative methods, to generate credits that real, permanent, enforceable, surplus and quantifiable, and that comply with all applicable state and federal requirements.

STATUS:

08/30/2005

In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 757

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

TITLE:

Oil Conservation, Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Act

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

LAST AMEND:

05/27/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending - Carryover

LOCATION:

Assembly Transportation Committee

SUMMARY:

Enacts the Oil Conservation, Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Act. Declares that it is the policy of the state that state agencies shall take all cost-effective and technologically feasible actions needed to reduce the growth of petroleum consumption, and increase transportation energy efficiency and the use of alternative fuels.

STATUS:

06/27/2005

In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Failed passage.

06/27/2005

In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Reconsideration granted.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 764

AUTHOR:

Lowenthal (D)

TITLE:

Air Resources: South Coast Air District: Ports

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending - Carryover

LOCATION:

Assembly Transportation Committee

SUMMARY:

Requires the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to develop a baseline for air quality for their respective ports, in consultation with specified agencies. Requires the air quality baseline to be based on the level of emissions from specified sources. Requires the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to hold public hearings on the baseline data and discuss potential mitigation and control measures to reduce emissions from sources at the port.

STATUS:

06/20/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

Subject:

AirQuality, Transport

CA SB 829

AUTHOR:

Murray (D)

TITLE:

Air Quality: Vehicular Sources

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

no

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

LAST AMEND:

04/27/2005

DISPOSITION:

Failed

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Allows the State Air Resources Board to develop a feasible quantified methodology to evaluate the impact of transportation projects on conformity with state ambient air quality standards.

STATUS:

02/01/2006

In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Subject:

AirQuality

CA SB 863

AUTHOR:

Florez (D)

TITLE:

California Clean Air Bond Act

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

LAST AMEND:

04/28/2005

DISPOSITION:

Failed

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Enacts the California Clean Air Bond Act, which authorizes, for purposes of funding clean air quality project, the issuance of bonds in a specified amount. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the

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bond act to voters at the November 7, 2006 statewide general election. Specifies the proceeds of the bonds would be deposited in the California Clean Air Fund that would be established by the act for clean air quality projects.

STATUS:

01/31/2006

Subject:

In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
AirQuality, Revenue/Bond

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Private file: Energy

CA AB 1332

AUTHOR: Gordon (D)
TITLE: Distributed Generation: Efficiency Standards
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/27/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Energy Commission to prescribe, by regulation, standards and minimum levels of operating efficiency for distributed generation technologies based on a reasonable use pattern. Defines distributed generation. Requires the standards meet certain criteria. Requires the commission to periodically review the standards and adopt any revision that is necessary based upon the same criteria used in developing the standards. Prohibits new distributed generation system unless they meet the standards.

STATUS:

01/31/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Subject: Energy

CA AB 1362

AUTHOR: Levine (D)
TITLE: Renewable Portfolio Standard Program
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 07/12/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
FILE: A-27
LOCATION: Senate Inactive File
SUMMARY:

Revises and recasts intent language in the Renewable Energy Resources Program so that the amount of electricity generated per year from renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 20% of the total electricity generated for consumption in the state by 2010. Restates the target of the renewables portfolio standard to increase the amount of electricity procured from eligible renewable energy resources, so it equals 20% of the electricity sold at retail in the per year by 2010.

STATUS:

08/29/2005 In SENATE. To Inactive File.

Subject: Energy

CA AB 1704

AUTHOR: Richman (R)
TITLE: Electricity: Electrical Restructuring
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules meeting specified requirements, to transition to a core/noncore electrical market structure. Requires that the procurement plan approved by the Commission enable the electrical corporation to fulfill its obligation to serve its core customers and core-elect customers, at just and reasonable rates, while minimizing the risk of stranded electricity procurement costs.

STATUS:

02/06/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Subject: Energy

CA SB 1

AUTHOR: Murray (D)
TITLE: Million Solar Roofs Initiative: Contractors
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/06/2004
LAST AMEND: 09/02/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
LOCATION: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
SUMMARY:

Establishes the Million Solar Roofs Initiative and fund, with the goal of establishing a million solar energy systems on new and existing residential and commercial sites and establishing a self-sufficient

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solar industry in 10 years. Requires all local publicly owned electric utilities to establish a solar roofs initiative. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to order electrical corporations to expand the availability of net energy metering. Requires certain licensure of installing contractors.

STATUS:

09/02/2005

In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE.

Subject:

Environment

CA SB 107 **AUTHOR:** Simitian (D)
TITLE: Renewable Energy
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2005
LAST AMEND: 08/30/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover
FILE: 161
LOCATION: Assembly Third Reading File
SUMMARY:
Revises and recasts language so the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 20% of the total electricity sold to retail customers per year by December 31, 2010. Provides an exemption. Requires the Energy Commission to develop mechanisms for renewable energy credits and to include an assessment of increasing electricity from renewable resources in its energy report. Relates to payments to out of state facilities.
STATUS:
08/31/2005 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
Subject: Energy

CA SB 426 **AUTHOR:** Simitian (D)
TITLE: Energy Resources Conservation Liquified Natural Gas
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
LAST AMEND: 08/31/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to make a liquefied natural gas (LNG) needs assessment study to assess demand and supply for natural gas and alternatives thereto to meet energy demands and to determine the number of LNG terminals needed to meet the projected natural gas demand; requires, with respect to any LNG terminal that requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity, no certificate be issued unless the terminal has obtained a permit; requires hearings.
STATUS:
01/12/2006 In SENATE. Ordered returned to ASSEMBLY. *****To ASSEMBLY.
Subject: Energy, Transport

CA SB 431 **AUTHOR:** Battin (R)
TITLE: Electricity: Repowering of Facilities
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/27/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:
Requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop and implement a program to foster the repowering of existing facilities for the generation of electricity from renewable energy resources that imposes specified requirements on electrical corporations in connection with their contractual relations with owners of those facilities.
STATUS:
01/31/2006 In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
Subject: Energy

CA SB 1048 **AUTHOR:** Machado (D)
TITLE: Electrical Restructuring: Distributed Energy Resources
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2005
DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover

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LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

States the intent of the Legislature to develop distributed generation projects for generating electricity utilizing natural gas produced in association with oil production in the state, and that these projects reduce air pollution, economically benefit electricity consumers, and provide economic benefits for the owners of facilities for the generation of electricity.

STATUS:

05/09/2005

In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

Subject:

AirQuality, Energy

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Private file: Environment

CA AB 486	AUTHOR:	Leslie (R)
	TITLE:	Urban Open Space and Recreation
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/16/2005
	LAST AMEND:	04/04/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Failed
	LOCATION:	ASSEMBLY
	SUMMARY:	
		Provides that 12% of the moneys for the acquisition or development of recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs, under the Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program shall also be available to counties for those projects. Makes large counties and regional park districts that constitute heavily urbanized areas ineligible for these funds.
	STATUS:	
	01/31/2006	From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.
	Subject:	Environment

CA AB 597	AUTHOR:	Montanez (D)
	TITLE:	Response Actions: Brownfield Sites
	INTRODUCED:	02/17/2005
	LAST AMEND:	06/27/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	SENATE
	SUMMARY:	
		Revises the public participation procedures under the Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 that are required to be included in the response plan, including requiring the agency to notify all other appropriate governmental entities and local agencies that is not a party to the response plan regarding the proposed response action. Relates to the immunity under the act for specified purchasers, innocent landowners, or contiguous property owners.
	STATUS:	
	01/30/2006	From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY without further action pursuant to JR 62(a).
	Subject:	Environment

CA SB 153	AUTHOR:	Chesbro (D)
	TITLE:	Clean Water, Safe Parks, Coastal Protection
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/08/2005
	LAST AMEND:	09/02/2005
	DISPOSITION:	Pending - Carryover
	LOCATION:	Assembly Appropriations Committee
	SUMMARY:	
		Enacts the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006. Authorizes for the purposes of financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of agricultural, coastal, cultural, forest, historical, park, recreational and water resources in the state, the issuance of bonds, pursuant to the General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in a specified amount.
	STATUS:	
	09/02/2005	From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.
	09/02/2005	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
	Subject:	AirQuality, Environment, Water

CA SB 427	AUTHOR:	Hollingsworth (R)
	TITLE:	Environmental Quality Act: Scoping Meetings
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/17/2005
	LAST AMEND:	01/04/2006
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	ASSEMBLY

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SUMMARY:

Relates to the Environmental Quality Act that requires at least one scoping meeting for a project and requires the lead agency to consult with transportation planning agencies that could be affected by a project. Requires notice of at least one scoping meeting be provided to those planning agencies required to be consulted concerning the project and to require in the consultation, the project's effect on overpasses, on-ramps, and off-ramps.

STATUS:

01/26/2006

In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

Position:

CALCOG-Sup

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Private file: SolidWaste

CA AB 1049

AUTHOR: Koretz (D)
TITLE: Recycling Food and Beverage Packages Labeling
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/19/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to make available a voluntary state curbside label for packages or items that are accepted in a substantial majority of state curbside recycling programs; deems certain packaging and items to be accepted by a substantial major of state curbside programs; authorizes the board to deny the use of the state curbside label on packaging or items that are soiled with contaminants to a specified degree and to collect a fee from a person applying to use the label.
STATUS:
01/31/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.
Subject: SolidWaste

CA AB 1090

AUTHOR: Matthews (D)
TITLE: Solid Waste: Diversion: Conversion
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/09/2006
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Revises the waste management practices that the integrated Waste Management Board and local agencies are required to promote. Defines the term transformation as meaning incineration, pyrolysis, distillation, or biological conversion other than composting. Provide what such term does not include. Repeals the definition of the term gasification and defines composting operation and composting facility. Requires a conversion technology facility operator to submit information on tonnage converted at the facility.
STATUS:
01/31/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.
Position: League-Sup 03/17/2005, SCAG-Sup 04/07/2005
Subject: SolidWaste

CA SB 318

AUTHOR: Romero (D)
TITLE: Waste Management
INTRODUCED: 02/16/2005
LAST AMEND: 05/03/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:
Creates within the Integrated Waste Management Board the Office of the Solid Waste Public Advisor to provide objective information to members of the public living near a proposed solid waste facility or an existing facility that is proposed to be constructed, expanded or otherwise altered. Requires the board to appoint a solid waste facilities public advisor. Prescribes the duties of the public advisor, with respect to providing information concerning proposed or existing solid waste facilities.
STATUS:
01/31/2006 In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
Subject: SolidWaste

CA SB 369

AUTHOR: Simitian (D)
TITLE: Solid Waster: Tire Recycling
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/19/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

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SUMMARY:

Relates to existing law that authorizes the Integrated Waste Management Board to implement a program to award grants to cities, counties, districts, and other local governmental agencies for the funding of public works projects that use rubberized asphalt concrete. Provides for recommencement of the grant program. Provides for a new inoperative and repeal date.

STATUS:

01/26/2006

In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

CA SB 411

AUTHOR:

Alarcon (D)

TITLE:

Solid Waste: Nonbiodegradable Materials: Landfills

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

yes

URGENCY CLAUSE:

no

INTRODUCED:

02/17/2005

LAST AMEND:

01/13/2006

DISPOSITION:

Failed

LOCATION:

SENATE

SUMMARY:

Relates to city, county of city and county waste source reduction and recycling element Requires, that if the alternative daily cover of such element is comprised of defined woody and green material, that material is to be included in the amount of solid waste that is subjected to disposal for purposes of diversion requirements. Requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to develop a schedule for excluding solid waste used as an alternative daily cover, and that such is diversion and not disposal.

STATUS:

01/31/2006

In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Position:

CSAC-Opp 01/04/2006, League-Opp 04/26/2005

Subject:

SolidWaste

CA SB 928

AUTHOR:

Perata (D)

TITLE:

Public Resources: Solid Waste

INTRODUCED:

02/22/2005

LAST AMEND:

05/02/2005

DISPOSITION:

Pending - Carryover

LOCATION:

Assembly Natural Resources Committee

SUMMARY:

Changes that percentage to an unspecified amount a city or county source reduction element to divert of all solid waste from landfill disposal of transformation through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Deletes the reference in existing law to the additional authority of the board to grant a time extension for diversion requirements.

STATUS:

06/09/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

Subject:

SolidWaste

Private file: Water

CA AB 290 **AUTHOR:** Leslie (R)
TITLE: California Waterworks Standards
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/09/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/19/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act. Requires the Department of Health Services, in consultation with a study committee, to undertake a 5-year study of methodologies used to determine water source capacities in hard-rock wells in order to determine the techniques for conducting pump tests and evaluating data that will result in the most accurate and cost-effective prediction of long-term well capacity.
STATUS:
01/31/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.
Subject: Environment, Water

CA AB 802 **AUTHOR:** Wolk (D)
TITLE: Land Use: Water Supply
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2005
LAST AMEND: 01/23/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Local Government Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires, upon the adoption of the general plan, the amendment of the conservation element, or the amendment of 2 or more elements of the general plan, the conservation element of the general plan to cover flood management and to consider, among other things, the existing water supply and the possible means of using flood water to supplement that supply to the general plan to include assessments of both the risk to life and property from flooding and minimization of flooding risks.
STATUS:
02/02/2006 To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
Subject: Water

CA AB 1724 **AUTHOR:** Villines (R)
TITLE: Water Quality: Reclamation: Excessive Rainfall
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/14/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Prohibits a regional water quality control board from requiring a holder of a master reclamation permit or a water district to provide plans or water reclamation facilities to reclaim or recycle all water subject to a permit or passing through a water reclamation facility during a period of excessive rainfall. Authorizes a board to require a permittee or a water district to meet reasonable water quality standards during such a period based on other factors determined by the board.
STATUS:
02/06/2006 From Committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to JR 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.
Subject: Water

CA AB 1839 **AUTHOR:** Laird (D)
TITLE: Water: Flood Protection and Clean, Safe Water Supply
INTRODUCED: 01/10/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Enacts the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the purposes of financing specified flood protection and water management programs, as scheduled.
STATUS:

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01/10/2006

INTRODUCED.

CA SB 773 **AUTHOR:** Cox (R)
TITLE: Groundwater Aquifers: Injection Wells
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2005
LAST AMEND: 04/19/2005
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:
Exempts from the definition of waste drinking water, water that is injected into storage in a groundwater aquifer for later recovery and use. Directs the Water Resources Control Board and regional boards to encourage projects in which drinking water is injected into groundwater aquifers for later recovery and use by the public. Requires any person who proposes to inject drinking water into storage in an aquifer to file a report with the regional board in whose region the proposed injection would occur.
STATUS:
02/01/2006 In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
Subject: Water

CA SB 1166 **AUTHOR:** Aanestad (R)
TITLE: Flood Protection & Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply
INTRODUCED: 01/10/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
SUMMARY:
Enacts the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010. Authorizes the issuance and sale of bonds for the purposes of financing specified flood protection and water management programs. Imposes an annual water resources capacity charge on each retail water supplier in the state based on the number and types of water connections in its service area according to a prescribed schedule.
STATUS:
01/19/2006 To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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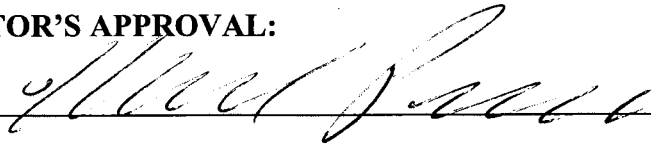
DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Daniel E. Griset, Senior Regional Planner, (213) 236-1895,
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SUBJECT: South Delta Improvements Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION:

As recommended by the Water Policy Task Force, the Energy and Environment Committee endorses for Regional Council adoption of Resolution 06-472-2 in support for the South Delta Improvements Program, an implementation effort specified in the 2000 CalFed Record of Decision.

BACKGROUND:

The South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP) is a series of interrelated actions to manage water levels and water quality, protect fish and provide increased flexibility for operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP). The sponsors of the Program are the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), working as lead Federal and State agencies, respectively, for SDIP.

The specific actions of the Program include the following:

- Replace a seasonal rock gate installed to protect fish with a permanent operable gate at the Head of Old River,
- Replace three seasonal rock gates with permanent operable flow gates on Middle River, Grantline Canal and Old River (near the city of Tracy),
- Improve flow conditions in south Delta channels with limited dredging in Middle River, Old River and West Canal,
- Extend 24 existing local agricultural diversions in the south Delta to deeper water to limit the necessity for more frequent gate operations, and
- Increase the permitted diversion capacity at the SWP Clifton Court Forebay to allow more operational flexibility to increase diversion rates when the increase will not harm the Delta's fisheries or local agricultural users.

The SDIP has been proposed in response to three important water management needs.

1. The operations of the SWP and CVP export facilities in the south Delta can change flow patterns in the local channels. This can cause migrating San Joaquin River fall- /late fall-run Chinook salmon, a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act, to move into the south Delta, primarily through Old River where fish mortality increases due to predators and higher levels of exposure to export facilities and agricultural diversions. Keeping fall- and late fall-run Chinook salmon in the main channel of the San Joaquin River until they reach the central Delta may increase their survival.
2. Local South Delta water users downstream of the head of Old River are affected by water quality and water levels at each intake location. These conditions are influenced by many factors, one of which is diversions in the south Delta by the SWP and CVP.
3. There are unmet water supply needs, with respect to quantity and reliability, south of the Delta for agriculture, municipal and industrial, and environmental uses.

Meeting these objectives by implementing the SDIP is intended to provide increased operational flexibility and the ability to respond to real-time fish conditions while improving water supply reliability.

The four permanent, operable gates proposed through SDIP will replace the current, cumbersome, seasonable rock gates that have been installed by the DWR. The operable gates provide operational flexibility that the seasonable rock gates do not have. This flexibility will allow the gates to be operated on a “real-time” basis in response to unanticipated, changing conditions in the south Delta region.

The flow control gates would be operated from April through November on an as-needed basis to protect water levels and water quality for local agricultural diversions. The gate at the Head of Old River would normally be closed from mid-April through mid-May during the outmigration period for San Joaquin River salmon smelts and from September through October, as needed, to improve dissolved oxygen content on the stretch of the San Joaquin River from Old River to the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel for immigrating adult salmon during the pre-spawning period. Operation of the gates outside of these “pre-set” periods would only be on an as-needed basis subject to prior approval by State and federal fish and wildlife agencies.

DWR and BoR plan to implement the proposed actions under SDIP in two separate and distinct stages. The Final EIR/S for SDIP has identified a preferred alternative for gate construction and operation, channel dredging and agricultural diversion relocation (Stage 1 actions). The Final EIR/S also includes a range of alternatives for increasing the maximum diversion limit for Clifton Court Forebay up to 8500 cubic feet per second (cfs) (Stage 2 action) but will not identify a preferred alternative. After the Stage 1 decision documents are completed (Record of Decision and Notice of Determination), various public workshops and forums will be held around the State to gather further public input before identifying a preferred alternative for increasing the diversion limit to 8500 cfs. Once the preferred 8500 alternative has been identified, it will be submitted to the public for further review/comment and a final decision will be made by DWR and BoR in a subsequent ROD/NOD. The preferred 8500 alternative would be implemented after the completion of construction of the Stage 1 actions.

If approved, completion of channel dredging and diversion extensions is expected by Fall 2008 and completion of the four permanent gates is scheduled for Spring 2009 (Stage 1 actions). Implementation of the preferred operational alternative for 8500 cfs would happen after the construction of the Stage 1 actions. The cost for these actions has been estimated at about \$90 million. The source of funds are varied, ranging from voter-approved Propositions 204 (approved in 1995), 13 (approved in 2000), 50 (approved in 2002), the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act, CVP, SWP and local funds. If the four gate configuration is implemented, the permanent gates on Middle River, Old River near Tracy and Grantline Canal are intended to improve circulation in local south Delta channels. An improvement in circulation is expected to benefit water quality and dissolved oxygen levels beyond the current conditions with the existing rock gates. Also, the gate at the Head of Old River would impede fish from migrating from the San Joaquin River into the interior south Delta, where they could be exposed to further loss from the effects of local agricultural diversions and the operation of CVP and SWP export facilities. DWR and BoR have proposed specific protective measures to be used during times when permanent south Delta gates are constructed and dredging/diversion relocations are conducted to ensure no harm is caused to Delta fisheries.

Detailed hydrodynamic and water quality studies of SDIP have concluded that there will not be any significant adverse effects to Bay-Delta water quality from SDIP implementation. In addition, DWR and BoR will work to identify and implement additional actions that may be needed to provide for the continuous improvement in water quality called for in the CALFED Program.

The August 28, 2000 CALFED Record of Decision specified that: (1) permanent gate installation, (2) selective channel dredging and, (3) agricultural diversion modifications, be carried out to improve conditions for local agricultural diverters. In addition, maximum diversion capability at SWP's Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) was to be increased to 8500 cfs and subsequently 10,300 cfs provided that new fish screens were installed at CCF. After two years of study, however, the cost of new fish screens at CCF was estimated to be \$1 to 2 billion dollars. Because of this high cost, CALFED decided that SDIP should only propose an 8500 cfs increase, with the 10,300 cfs increase and new CCF fish screens requiring further detailed studies.

A summary of the Program is available on the web:
http://sdip.water.ca.gov/documents/SDIP_brochure.pdf

FISCAL IMPACT: All work related to the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY 05/06 budget under 06-075. Funding and implementation of this Program will be the fiscal responsibility of other entities.

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RESOLUTION No. 06-472-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SUPPORTING THE SOUTH DELTA IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, California is facing a critical challenge to ensure a safe, reliable and high quality water supply for its growing population and dynamic economy; and

WHEREAS, with two-thirds of California receives a portion of its water from the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California must appropriately manage the Delta's water delivery system in conjunction with other ecosystem requirements; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the state and federal governments, along with other stakeholders, launched the CALFED Bay-Delta Program to manage the Bay-Delta's water resources and ecosystem, resulting in the South Delta Improvement Program as one element in this long-term planning effort; and

WHEREAS, the South Delta Improvement Program has two implementation phases: Phase I proposes to construct seasonal tidal gates to protect fish and improve water circulation and quality in the Delta, and dredge select Delta channels to improve water deliveries for local farmers; and Phase II proposes three alternatives for moderately increasing State Water Project deliveries by 2-5% and to improve operational flexibilities in the Delta water system; and

WHEREAS, the South Delta Improvement Program operating features are proposed in conjunction with continuing scientific studies that are intended to provide guidance on and assure compatibility between ecosystem safety and the delivery of water to urban and agricultural communities; and

WHEREAS, funding for the South Delta Improvement Program has already been secured through passage of voter approved bonds in 2000 (Proposition 13);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments hereby supports the South Delta Improvement Program with its goal of increasing the compatibility of South Delta agricultural, fishery, and water export operations; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that Program investments in Phase II must consider the guidance of ongoing scientific studies in the South Delta that are needed to better secure ecosystem and fishery improvements and to determine conditions for the safe export of water out of the Delta.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting on this 6th day of April, 2006.

TONI YOUNG
President, SCAG
Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme

Karen Tachiki
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REPORT

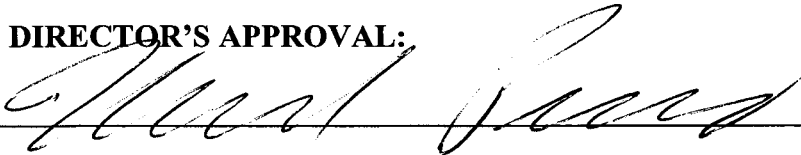
DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Daniel E. Griset, Senior Regional Planner, (213) 236-1895,
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SUBJECT: Blueprint for California Water

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION:

As recommended by the Water Policy Task Force, the Energy and Environment Committee endorses for Regional Council adoption of Resolution 06-472-1 in support for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Blueprint for California Water.

BACKGROUND:

The policy committees and Board of ACWA have developed recommendations for highlighting the issues that must be addressed in order to better secure California's water future. The Blueprint, entitled "No Time to Waste" contains the following twelve recommendations:

- Improve the existing Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta water conveyance system to increase flexibility and enhance water supply, water quality, levee stability and environmental protection in the near term.
- Evaluate long-term threats to the Delta levee and conveyance system and pursue actions to reduce risks to the state's water supply and the environment.
- Ensure delivery of adequate Colorado River supplies for Southern California and defend California's rights on the Colorado River.
- Implement and fund the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program.
- Develop additional groundwater and surface water storage, including proposed surface storage projects now under study if they are determined to be feasible.
- Support and fund local efforts to expand recycled water use and implement best management practices for urban and agricultural water use efficiency.

- Improve the quality of California's drinking water supplies to safeguard public health and enhance water quality for agriculture and the environment.
- Work with local agencies to overcome constraints to developing seawater and brackish groundwater desalination.
- Modernize the federal Endangered Species Act and other laws and regulations to allow water infrastructure projects, water supply and water quality activities to proceed while protecting species and habitats.
- Expedite the approval process for voluntary water transfers.
- Clarify and expand the state's role in flood control and promote multi-benefit flood control projects.
- Support integrated regional water management plans.

FISCAL IMPACT: All work related to the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY 05/06 budget under 06-075. Funding and implementation of this Program will be the fiscal responsibility of other entities.

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RESOLUTION No. 06-472-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SUPPORTING “NO TIME TO WASTE”: A BLUEPRINT FOR
CALIFORNIA WATER**

WHEREAS, after an extended stakeholder process among many public water agencies, a statewide task force has developed and the ACWA Board has approved, a comprehensive policy document, *No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water*; and

WHEREAS, the *Blueprint* frames the discussion and decision-making required to provide all Californians with adequate supplies of high quality water, a healthy environment and a strong economy for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the time is now for the water community and other public interests to propose a policy statement and action plan for meeting California’s future water needs; and

WHEREAS, the *Blueprint* makes a number of common sense recommendations that will, when implemented, guarantee clean and safe drinking water, irrigation for agriculture, and protection for California’s natural resources and important ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the *Blueprint* addresses key factors that could change both the availability of California’s water supply and the most effective strategies for meeting water needs, including risks to groundwater quality, climate change, and new drinking water issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments hereby supports *No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all stakeholders in California’s water system are encouraged to support and implement the provisions of the *Blueprint*.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting on this 6th day of April, 2006.

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REPORT

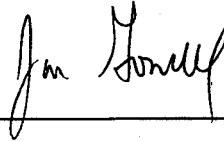
DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation and Communication Committee (TCC)

FROM: Communication & Membership Subcommittee

SUBJECT: 2006 Regional Champion Awards

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and nominate candidates for consideration as your policy committee's 2006 Regional Champion.

SUMMARY:

Last year SCAG established the Regional Champion Awards to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of non-elected individuals for their service to the region. The inaugural Regional Champions honored at last year's General Assembly at the Los Angeles Athletic Club were:

- Randall W. Lewis, selected by the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD),
- Kay Martin, selected by the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), and
- Tony Valdez, selected by the Communication & Membership Subcommittee.

Again this year, each of SCAG's three policy committees, plus the Communication & Membership Subcommittee, has an award to bestow upon a leader in one of their areas of focus. For example, TCC may choose to recognize a regional leader in Goods Movement, EEC might identify a dedicated regionalist in Water issues, or CEHD may select a leader in the area of Housing Element Reform. Remember that this is one time when we honor citizens, not elected officials.

Selection Process:

- Please have discussions and/or nominations at your March committee meetings.
- At your April committee meeting, the candidate nominations should be reviewed and consensus reached on your one nominee. Your committee report at the April Regional Council meeting should announce your recommended Regional Champion recipient and seek the approval of the RC. If you have no nominee, no award will be given.
- Winners will be notified and invited to be recognized at our May General Assembly.

Thanks for your active participation in this opportunity to recognize regional service and leadership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

MEMO

DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

FROM: Jessica Kirchner, Associate Regional Planner, (213)236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Urban Forestry and Air Quality

SUMMARY:

Dr. Jim Simpson of the Center for Urban Forest Research and John Melvin of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will give a presentation on using trees to improve air quality. This is in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's recent provisions to allow for the inclusion of urban trees in State Implementation Plans as a mechanism to improve air quality. According to the Urban Forestry Council website, urban forests improve air quality by reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and absorbing air pollutants. Properly planted and managed trees can also reduce the need for heating and air conditioning, resulting in fewer emissions released into the atmosphere. A study of one Southwest region's six million trees reveals that the trees remove and store approximately 304,000 tons of atmospheric CO₂, 12,000 tons of ozone, and 9,000 tons of particulates. The purpose of the presentation is to learn more about how urban forests can be utilized in Southern California and options for improving air quality through tree planting.

BACKGROUND ATTACHMENT:

None.

MEMO

DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

FROM: Jessica Kirchner, Associate Regional Planner, (213)236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Open Space and Habitat Chapter

SUMMARY

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force, at its October 24 meeting, discussed the approach and scope for the planned Open Space and Habitat Chapter. The Task Force members and other meeting participants identified potential outcomes and regional goals that could be specified within the chapter, and form a focus for staff activities. This report includes comments from the Task Force.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is intended to serve as a useful tool to implement policies of the Regional Council. The approach for the overall development of the plan calls for a special emphasis on the Open Space and Habitat Chapter for the following reasons:

- The region's adopted 2% Strategy calls for increased urban development and growth in key strategic areas, while broadly supporting sustainability concepts and environmental protection. The region needs a well-articulated open space protection strategy to balance its urbanization strategy.
- There has been substantial planning work done within the region on open space and habitat issues, particularly at the county level, but little coordination among counties, at the regional scale, or between the region and the State.
- The State Resource Agencies has expressed an interest in pursuing with SCAG a coordinated open space and habitat planning process.
- Establishing a reliable, workable open space protection system is key to establishing alternative environmental review procedures under State law.

As such, the RCP Task Force held an extended discussion on potential goals and outcomes for the RCP Open Space and Habitat Chapter. The results of that discussion are recorded in the attached revised scope and approach for the chapter.

Given concurrence from the EEC, SCAG staff will proceed to develop a draft chapter. Specific activities to be pursued are described in detail in the attachment. Particularly of note are the following:

- The formation of a working group
- The retention of a consultant to develop, in consultation with the appropriate agencies, a comprehensive open space protection system

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- Collaboration with State agencies on an iterative planning process
- Review of existing County level open space and habitat plans in response to SAFETEA-LU requirements for expanded consultation.

Attachment: Chapter Scope and Approach



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Preliminary Draft Scope and Approach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan: Open Space and Habitat Chapter

Develop a vision for open space preservation for Southern California

Action: Develop regional level analyses with a consistent look and uniform procedures and mitigation. This would provide a template that could be easily implemented at the local level.

Activities:

1. Consult with agencies, stakeholders and the task force, to create an open space vision for the region.
2. Incorporate SCAG's Growth Vision/2% Strategy to help create a regional open space vision.
3. Consider options for reclaiming previously developed lands to be used as open space/park land.

Outcomes

- a. The chapter will include quantifiable measures, such as a number of acres that should be preserved, and identify specific areas for preservation.
- b. The regional vision will serve as a catalyst to subsequent work.

Identify suggested amount and type of parkland within urban settings

Action: The Open Space and Habitat chapter will attempt to develop measures of parkland and access appropriate for Southern California and delineate action steps to increase access to parks and open space for all Southern California residents. The discussion will include both small urban parks (e.g., pocket parks) and large regional parks.

Activities:

4. Meet with stakeholders to ascertain park needs at the regional level and develop ways to consider both large regional parks and small urban "pocket parks."
5. Include a discussion of agricultural lands and their importance to the region including an examination of urban agricultural lands (i.e., community gardens, create a 2% food strategy (i.e., 2% of food is grown locally))
6. The chapter will include a discussion of urban agriculture and benefits such as alleviating effects of urban heat islands, incorporating information from other RCP chapters as appropriate including water, energy, air quality and solid and hazardous waste.

Outcomes:

- a. Through consultation with stakeholders, staff will develop "parks to people" ratios based on SCAG's Growth Vision/2% Strategy

Identify measures to mitigate habitat impacts of transportation projects

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Action: The Open Space and Habitat chapter will examine wildlife crossings at the regional level, building on the work done in Ventura County and state conservancies, and apply the knowledge gained at a regional scale. This analysis will include identification of important and restricted wildlife corridors to preserve habitat connectivity.

Activities:

7. Explore impacts to fisheries, marine life and waterways.
8. Incorporate regional wildlife corridors analysis into the open space chapter.
9. Include a discussion of the benefits of parks/open space/natural areas on air quality and water quality.

Outcomes:

- a. Develop habitat goals, including no net reduction due to development in species populations, and explore the potential to repopulate species.
- b. Identify key wildlife corridors for the region.

Identify financial mechanisms to accrue funding for open space protection

Action: A consultant is expected to be retained for tasks including (but not limited to) securing open space resources, forming a pool of funding for mitigation of impacts of new development, and providing discretionary incentive funding to cities and counties for adopting policies supportive of a regional growth strategy developing infrastructure. The financial element will also include a discussion of the overall costs of operations and maintenance of parks and open space areas.

Activities:

10. Explore cumulative impacts due to the loss of open space for the region such as degradation of air, water quality and public health benefits.
11. Attempt to ascertain the actual value of open space/natural areas by evaluating “hidden” costs associated with development of open space.
12. Explore alternative funding mechanisms for open space protection and preservation.
13. Explore ways to tap into readily available funds for mitigation.

Outcomes:

- a. With the help of a consultant, staff will attempt to find more effective tools and monetary incentives to achieve open space goals.
- b. As a result, there will be better understanding of the cumulative impacts and “real” cost of loss of open space and natural areas.

Analyze existing state plans for open space, habitat, and parks. Recommend for future planning efforts based on consistency with the region’s desired outcomes

Action: The California Resources Agency has agreed, in concept, to collaborate on the chapter. Evaluation at the regional level will enable communities to see what has been done elsewhere. In addition, this process will be

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proactive rather than reactive (relying on the endangered species acts) and will facilitate broad community participation. This will help develop an iterative process whereby regional priorities influence other plans and vice versa.

Activities:

14. Coordinate with the Resources Agency staff to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act.
15. Comply with the new requirements of SAFETEA-LU which require expanded consultation and evaluation of currently available plans.

Outcomes:

- a. Through the consultation process SCAG will help establish consistent coordinated open space planning throughout the region.

Develop open space and habitat planning tools and best practices to be implemented at the local level

Action: Recognizing the benefits of parks are experienced at the local level, the open space and habitat chapter will include a “toolkit” for local governments who want to increase park space within their jurisdictions.

Activities:

16. Distinguish between parks (typically in developed areas) and natural areas (typically in non-developed areas).
17. Provide technical assistance to local agencies for linking parklands.
18. Share best practices uncovered during the process to educate local agencies on available tools.
19. Build on work that has been done already, including by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Outcomes:

- a. SCAG will develop specific guidance on achieving open space goals with optional implementation.

MEMO

DATE: March 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Jonathan Nadler, Senior Regional Planner, nadler@scag.ca.gov, (213) 236-1884

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Revise the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter

SUMMARY

In response to the discussion on fine particulates and fugitive dust at the February 2, 2006 EEC meeting, SCAG staff will provide comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed revisions to the national ambient air quality standards for particulate matter. Comments are due to U.S. EPA by April 17, 2006.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Air Act directs EPA to set national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for six "criteria air pollutants:" ground-level ozone "smog", carbon monoxide (CO), lead, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and particulate matter (PM). The Clean Air Act requires EPA to revise the health and welfare-based standards once every five years to determine whether revisions to the standards are necessary to provide the appropriate levels of protection. EPA last revised the particulate matter standards in 1997. Under terms of a consent decree, EPA agreed to propose whether to revise the PM standards by December 20, 2005, and committed to finalizing any revisions to the standards by September 27, 2006.

EPA is proposing revisions and taking comment on a range of PM standards: fine particles which are 2.5 micrometers in diameter and smaller ("PM2.5"); coarse particles ("PM10"), and a new inhalable coarse particles standard, which are smaller than 10 micrometers in diameter but larger than PM2.5 ("PM10-2.5").

The following describes components of the proposed revisions which may be of particular note to the EEC based on the discussions at the February 2, 2006 meeting.

- The proposed revisions would *change the definition of the PM10 standard* so that it covers only particles between 10 and 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM10-2.5), also known as "inhalable coarse particles," in response to a 1999 U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit decision directing EPA to ensure that regulations for coarse particles did not duplicate regulation of fine particles. The proposed new PM10-2.5 standard would be a 24-hour standard; EPA is not proposing an annual standard for PM10-2.5. EPA would further *define PM10-2.5 to include only those coarse particles that come from sources such as high-density traffic on paved roads, industrial sources and construction activities* – the kinds of coarse particles typically found in urban areas. *The proposed standard would not cover situations where the coarse particles in the air come from sources such as windblown dust and soils, agricultural sources and mining sources.*
- *EPA is proposing to immediately revoke the current annual PM10 standards in all areas. EPA is also proposing to revoke the current 24-hour PM10 standards, except in areas that have 1) violating monitors; and 2) a population of 100,000 or more.* These standards would remain in place in these areas until the Agency has completed attainment and nonattainment designations for PM 10-02.5.

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EPA is taking comment on whether the 24-hour PM₁₀ standards should be retained in smaller areas (population less than 100,000) that are dominated by one or more large industrial sources.

- EPA is also taking comment on whether it should: 1) retain the current PM₁₀ standard in place of the proposed PM_{10-2.5} standard or 2) not establish a coarse fraction PM standard at this time pending the development of a coarse fraction monitoring network and further research on the health effects of coarse particles.
- EPA is proposing to *strengthen the 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard* from the current level of 65 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, though they are also seeking comment on: retaining the current level of the standard (of 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), on levels as high as 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and as low as 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; and on alternative approaches for selecting the level of the standard.
- EPA is proposing to *retain the annual PM_{2.5} standard* at 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, but is also seeking comments on lower levels.

A complete description of the proposed revisions to the PM standards and timelines that depict how the new standards would *postpone* the existing attainment and state implementation plan submittal dates are attached.

U.S. EPA's PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PM STANDARDS

Coarse Particles

- EPA's current standards for coarse particles (PM₁₀) were set in 1987. These standards – a 24-hour standard of 150 µg/ m³, and an annual standard of 50 µg/ m³ -- apply to particles 10 micrometers in diameter and smaller.
- The proposed revisions would change the definition of the standard so that it covers only particles between 10 and 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM_{10-2.5}), also known as “inhalable coarse particles” in response to a 1999 U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit decision directing EPA to ensure that regulations for coarse particles did not duplicate regulation of fine particles.
- The proposed new PM_{10-2.5} standard would be a 24-hour standard set at 70 µg/ m³. EPA is not proposing an annual standard for PM_{10-2.5}.
 - EPA would further define PM_{10-2.5} to include only those coarse particles that come from sources such as high-density traffic on paved roads, industrial sources and construction activities – the kinds of coarse particles typically found in urban areas. Scientific studies indicate that PM_{10-2.5} health effects are associated with these kinds of coarse particles found in urban areas.
 - The proposed standard would not cover situations where the coarse particles in the air come from sources such as windblown dust and soils, agricultural sources and mining sources.
- Under the proposal, the secondary 24-hour standard for PM_{10-2.5} would be identical to the primary standard.

Status of Current PM-10 Standards

- EPA is proposing to revoke the current 24-hour PM₁₀ standards, except in areas that have 1) violating monitors; and 2) a population of 100,000 or more. These standards would remain in place in these areas until the Agency has completed attainment and nonattainment designations for PM_{10-2.5}.
 - EPA is taking comment on whether the 24-hour PM₁₀ standards should be retained in smaller areas (population less than 100,000) that are dominated by one or more large industrial sources.
- The Agency is proposing to immediately revoke the current annual PM₁₀ standards in all areas.
- EPA is also taking comment on whether it should: 1) retain the current PM₁₀ standard in place of the proposed PM_{10-2.5} standard or 2) not establish a coarse fraction PM standard at this time pending the development of a coarse fraction monitoring network and further research on the health effects of coarse particles.

Fine particles

- EPA currently has two primary standards for fine particles: an annual standard, designed to protect against effects caused by short-term exposure (days or weeks) and longer-term exposure (seasons to years); and a 24-hour standard, designed to provide additional protection on days with high peak PM_{2.5} concentrations.

PM2.5 Primary (Health-Related) 24-hour standard

- EPA is proposing to strengthen the 24-hour fine particle standard from the current level of 65 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.
- EPA is soliciting public comment on alternative levels for the 24-hour standard, between the range of 35 and $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. In addition, the Agency will take comment on: retaining the current level of the standard (of $65 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), on levels as high as $65 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and as low as $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; and on alternative approaches for selecting the level of the standard.

PM2.5 Primary (Health-Related) Annual Standard

- EPA is proposing to retain this standard at $15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.
- EPA is considering and is seeking comment on the range of $15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ down to $13 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. EPA also is soliciting public comment on an alternative level for the annual standard of $12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

PM2.5 Secondary Standards

- The proposal would set the secondary standards for both the annual and 24-hour standards at levels identical to the primary standards.
- EPA also is taking comment on whether to set a separate PM2.5 standard, designed to address visibility (principally in urban areas), on potential levels for that standard within a range of 20 to $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and on averaging times for the standard within a range of four to eight daylight hours.

Timeline if $PM_{10-2.5}$ Standard is finalized

Milestone	2006 $PM_{10-2.5}$ NAAQS
Effective date of Standard	Nov. 2006
State Recommendations to EPA	July 2012 (based on 2009-2011 monitoring data)
Final Designations	May 2013
Effective Date of Designations	July 2013
SIPs Due	July 2016
Attainment Date	July 2018 (based on 2015-2017 monitoring data)
Attainment Date with Extension	Up to July 2023

Timeline if PM_{2.5} NAAQS are revised

Milestone	1997 PM _{2.5} Primary NAAQS	2006 PM _{2.5} Primary NAAQS
Promulgation of Standard	July 1997	Nov. 2006
State Recommendations to EPA	Feb. 2004 (based on 2001- 2003 monitoring data)	Nov. 2007 (based on 2004-2006 monitoring data)
Final Designations Signature	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2009
Effective Date of Designations	April 2005	April 2010
SIPs Due	April 2008	April 2013
Attainment Date	April 2010 (based on 2007-2009 monitoring data)	April 2015 (based on 2012- 2104 monitoring data)
Attainment Date with Extension	Up to April 2015	April 2020